

MISSOURI SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

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Patty Yocum Named New Superintendent

Mrs. Patty Yocum, M.S. Ed., Ed. S., will become Superintendent of Missouri School for the Blind effective January 1, 2010.

Mrs. Yocum, who is currently Director of Special Education Compliance for State Board Operated Programs (SBOP), has over 30 years' experience in Missouri schools.

She will begin transitioning to MSB later this calendar year, and says, "I am excited about coming to MSB full-time in January! This move at this point in my career 'feels right' and is consistent with my desire to help provide quality educational services for children with disabilities. The kindness and commitment of the staff is obvious when you walk through the building! There obviously has been much hard work over the past several years under the guidance of Dr. Sucharski. Consistently meeting standards for Missouri accreditation (MSIP) and North Central Association accreditation is a credit to the staff and administration at MSB. I am looking forward to continuing to strive for high standards that have made MSB an outstanding and much-needed service provider for visually impaired children and their families."

Mrs. Yocum received her B.S. degree from Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, and began her career in the Perryville School District, moving on to Nevada, Doniphan, Adrian and Drexel, where she was a school principal and superintendent.

She received her Masters of Science in Educational Administration and Specialist in Education degrees from Missouri State University, Springfield.

Mrs. Yocum and her husband, Randy, will be relocating to St. Louis from Jefferson City. They are the parents of two grown sons. They enjoy traveling and recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a trip to Alaska and the Yukon Territory.

MSB Assists With South Grand Improvements

Missouri School for the Blind staff have been actively involved this fall in planning improvements to South Grand Boulevard as part of the Great Streets Initiative.

Candy Hickerson, Kerrie Townsend, Patti Schonlau, Shaojun Chen and Tim Cobb have offered advice to make the street safer and more usable for persons with visual impairments, such as tactile crosswalk markings and accessible pedestrian signals.

Candy noted that the project designers are committed to improving access for persons with disabilities and hope to make the street a model for the future.

The project, funded in part by federal economic stimulus funds, covers the area from Arsenal to Utah, with possible extensions to Magnolia and Gravois.

The final public meetings will be held Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Center for Divine Love, 3617 Wyoming.

Skily Smith at The Touhill

Skily Smith, senior at MSB and Webster Groves High School, will perform with the Variety Children's Theatre in the musical *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* at the Touhill Performing Arts Center Oct. 16-18.

For info or tickets: www.varietystl.org or <https://touhillpac.ums1.edu/tickets/production.aspx?PerformanceNumber=3335>.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCT. 7	KAREN BURTON
OCT. 8	WAYNE SEITZ
OCT. 12	KAREN BURKHEAD
OCT. 13	SUSAN FITZPATRICK
OCT. 14	MARY RICE
OCT. 15	CAROLINE KENNY
OCT. 18	LOIS FLETCHER
OCT. 19	SASIKALA RAMESH
OCT. 21	CECE JONES
OCT. 23	HAROLD DAVIDSON
	KELLY SEITZ
OCT. 24	CHRIS DAVIDSON
OCT. 29	GRETA TALIAFERRO

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

CALENDAR	
Space Camp	Sept. 27-Oct. 2
Webster University Volunteers	October 7
NCASB Track Meet at Ohio	October 9-11
Columbus Day Holiday	October 12
Goalball Meet at Tennessee	Oct. 16-18
Flu Clinic	Oct. 20
Goalball Meet at Illinois	Oct. 22
Goalball Meet at Kentucky	Oct. 23-25
Red Ribbon Week	Oct. 26-30
Elks Halloween Party	Oct. 28
Lutheran High School South Volunteers	Oct. 30
Goalball Meet at Tennessee	Oct. 30-Nov. 1